

SSAC Meeting, 1/18/2024

In attendance:

Nate Green

Terrell Fleming

Caroline Rogus

Allan Carey

Anjy Cramer

Agenda:

- I. Approval of December minutes
 - a. Motion to adopt unanimous.
- II. Deadline for applying for SSAC committee technically tomorrow (1/19), but might be moved, since 1/19 is a snow day for APS. Interested applicants encouraged to apply
- III. Original meeting before the Board on 1/9 was postponed to 1/23.
 - a. Caroline, Nate, and Terrell will attend.
 - b. Nate and Caroline will defer to Terrell when Board has questions about SSAC proposal
- IV. Terrell update
 - a. APS planning on piloting the immersion program (Spanish); looking to offer more classes at Wakefield as pilot. Unclear what specific course(s) they will be
 - b. APS looking to pilot Dual Enrollment (DE) U.S. History at Wakefield.
 - i. Offer some DE courses at Career Center already
 - ii. Caroline noted recent HB Woodlawn grads found DE courses valuable
 - c. APS looking to pilot AP African American history courses
 - i. Discussion of DE and AP courses,
 - d. Resource updates for social studies courses (Five Ponds Press)—Feb. 13, 3-7 pm @ Wakefield, AP textbook publisher vendors
- V. Discussion of literacy education APS schools
 - a. Core Knowledge Language Arts (CKLA)—some concern about insufficient focus on writing in CKLA
 - b. Some concern that ELL not getting adequate help
 - c. Teachers might need help implementing the writing components of CKLA
 - d. CKLA is new (piloted last year): could that explain why some have concerns?
 - e. Brainstorm ideas about ways to improve literacy
 - i. CKLA supposed to be cross-disciplinary—works well with conversation SSAC has been doing about value of Social Studies education in promoting literacy
 - ii. Terrell: CKLA provides content, but less on Social Studies analytical skills/tools; social studies curriculum “builds differently” than the way CKLA does
 - iii. DOJ requirement that ELA be provided more time—challenges posed by CKLA and providing more time to ELL as well as other students

- iv. Some concern that there is an overreliance on CKLA for social studies instruction
 - v. Integrate discussion of CKLA into our Recommendation to the School Board?
- VI. Brief discussion of SSAC focus after the School Board proposal
- VII. Meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm ET; next meeting Feb. 15 @ 7 pm ET, Syphax 202